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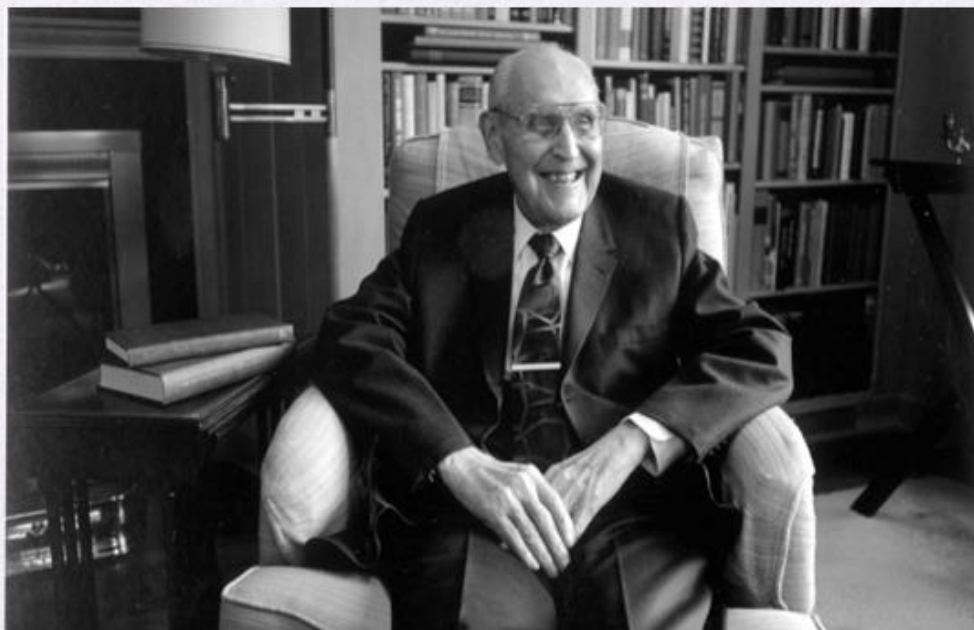
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# Donor Intent Regarding Science and Spirituality

Donor Intent: remembering the original context, the roots of the tree, upon which Fetzer makes decisions and expands into the future. Donor Intent is the historical support for the ever-growing 'Fetzer Tree'.

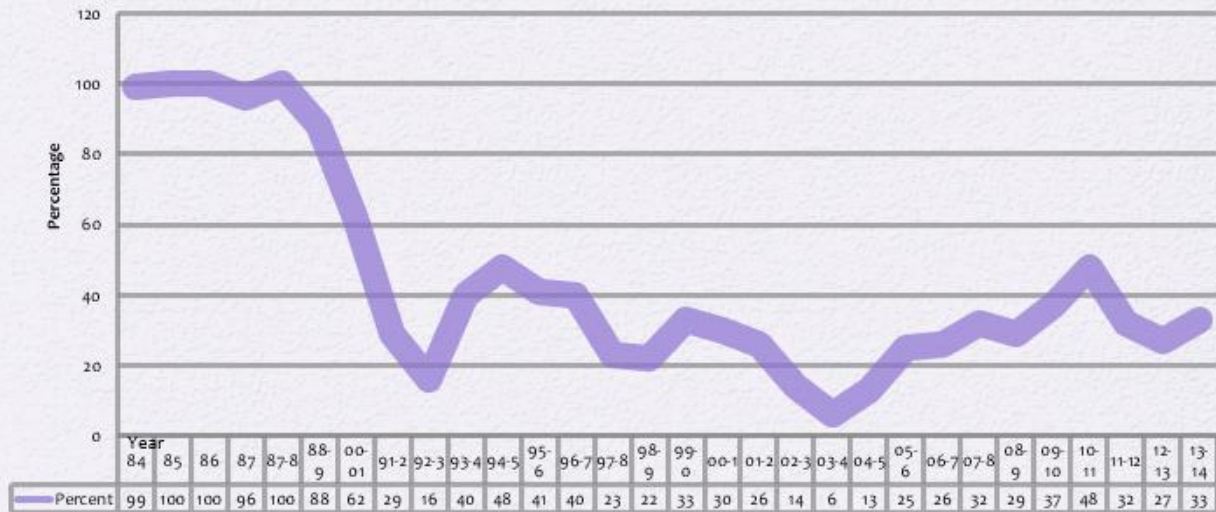


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# I. Science Funding

**Fetzer Science Funding: Percent Of Program Budget (incl. Fetzer Franklin)**



## JEF's Intent wrt Science & Spirituality while he was alive

**1967 Paper, "This I Believe:"** "Around the Central Sun of our Universe is a huge electronic ring which flashes with perpetual motion and brilliancy ... whirling around the enormous girdle of the intelligent, scintillating, jewel-like opal-tinted flame of the Central Sun within. **It is this nucleus of the great Sun-Globe itself**, revolving upon its own axis, **that constitutes the sublime scene - the Center of the Universe** - the Cause of all Creation, the Universal Mind, the Supreme Principle, the Primal Cause, the Cosmic Field, the Divine Spirit, Infinite Intelligence, **God the Father!**

**1973 Letter from JEF to his Board:** "After considerable research, time and study, I have conferred with many outstanding scientists throughout the country that are attached to certain universities and foundations that are instituting studies in the field of human psychology; some call it **parapsychology** ... I have decided this will be a major undertaking of the John E. Fetzer Foundation.

**1986 "A Talk With John Fetzer:"** "One of the ultimate goals of the Foundation is just exactly ... **the merging of science with what I prefer to call 'Infinite Energy'**. ... "I think that **love is the core energy** that rules everything. It is the **force field out of the electronic energy** of creation. Love is the one ingredient that holds us all together."



## II. John Fetzer's Donor Intent Regarding Science and Spirituality for the future of the Foundation/Institute?

John stated in "May the Force Be With You," an article he wrote for New Frontier Magazine, October 1989:

"I feel that we are on the threshold of a new order where people will be seeking enlightened change. ... ***This will all come about with the infusion of spirituality into science. The Foundation's eventual intent is to integrate the scientific process with spiritual mindfulness ...*** A fundamental key to all this is to conduct this search with a proper line of scientific investigation. We are not only redefining the scientific process, we are also experimenting with it. From studies in advances physical, we know that the experimenter becomes *part* of the energy circuit of that being studied."

### III. Donor Intent Regarding Science and Spirituality...

... was a focus of John's last three major memos to his board in 1989-91:

September 29, 1989. "The Founder's Statement"

October 10, 1989. "Thoughts on Research"

Feb. 13, 1991 (a week before his death). "Review of Past Remarks"



## September 29, 1989. "The Founder's Statement"

- **First Principles:** "The John E. Fetzer Foundation supports and provides **research, education, and service** designed to discover and enhance the integral relationships of the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of experience ... This consciousness is one having to do with the collective synthesis, a coming together of the many into the one – recognizing that we are all equal, and all the same and all of one body."
- **An Ordered Focus:** "... in the long term, partnerships in resources, alliances in scientific global networking, and a free exchange of scientific data will emerge. Research and service are final steps which produce the knowledge to share."
- **The Immediate Goal:** John referred to the transition to an 'educational institution', and then moved on to, "our in-house laboratory," stating, "I am convinced that inspired thought and direction are available to one who dares to put himself in touch with the wisdom available from higher sources. I believe there are many willing listeners, including an Edison or an Einstein, hidden from normal view, waiting to be brought into manifestation. **Many conventional laboratories are manned by young scientists, awaiting the inspiration ...**"
- And then he stated his **Final Principles**.



## October 10, 1989. "Thoughts on Research"

- "If you look into the mystical side of physics you will see that science, perhaps unknowingly, is ever teaching the path of the kundalini, of the chakras, and of the aura, and of the tree of good and evil and of the tree of knowledge and light ... In the time of mysticism ... there were great statements of fact presented in the consciousness of that day. **Now it is presented through the eyes of quantum physics.**"
- **"In the laboratory, unbiased truth can be pursued.** ... We must search out one avenue, one area, in the beginning, then let the ripple effect have its way to move the energy into the scientific community."



## February 13, 1991 (seven days before John's death). "Review of Past Remarks"

- "You have often heard me say that the Institute will seek to develop a program of research and education in the long term, consisting of partnerships in resources, **alliances in scientific global networking, and a free exchange of scientific data.** Research and service are final steps which produce the knowledge to share."
- "Suffice it to say, I have long held the view that **energy scientific research that is not accompanied by spirit is suspect.** ... I must tell you that I was greatly fortified in my viewpoint when I read the following quote from Einstein: 'The most beautiful and most profound emotion we can experience is the mystical. It is the **source of all true science**'."
- And then he repeated the **Final Principles.**

#### **IV. Donor Intent wrt Science and Spirituality, and its connection with The Fetzer Franklin Fund**

- The Main Page of the FFF website states: "The Fetzer Franklin Fund was established by the John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust, with the support of the John E. Fetzer Institute, to advance the scientific exploration of a relationship-centered view of reality. ... The Trustees of the John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust guide and oversee the critical process of translating the founder's original intent, and his core interest in science and spirituality, into a sustainable scientific research program for the 21st century. The result of this process is the mission statement, and the scientific program, of the Fetzer Franklin Fund as presented in this website."

## V. Conclusions, Questions, Discussion

Rob has talked of John Fetzer's notion that we have been doing this mission with him, together, in numerous lifetimes. What does this mean, and what does it imply?

What is the importance of balancing science and spirituality? Does each actually contain an aspect of the other?

What more do we need to know or explore about how science relates to the founding legacy?

Should there be a targeted percentage allocation of science spending per total program budget (including Fetzer Franklin)? If so, at what level?



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